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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hisayoshi ITO, et al.

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STIRRED TANK FOR STORING YEAST SLURRY, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FERMENTED FOR:

FOODS SUCH AS BEER USING THE STIRRED TANK, AND STIRRING IMPELLER PROVIDED IN THE

STIRRED TANK

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